



Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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Eleven percent of Minnesota's oat acreage was harvested for grain as of July 26, 2015, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. During the 5.1 **days suitable for fieldwork** soybeans were being scouted and sprayed for aphids. Other field activities for the week included harvesting small grains and baling hay.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 6 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 6 percent short, 89 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus.

Eighty-two percent of Minnesota's **corn** acreage was silking or beyond, 1 week ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the five-year average. Corn condition rated 87 percent good to excellent. With 90 percent of the **soybean** crop blooming or beyond, 44 percent of soybeans were setting pods or beyond, 1 week ahead of average. Soybean condition rated 80 percent good to excellent. Ninety-three percent of the **barley** crop was turning color or beyond, with condition rated at 63 percent good to excellent. Ninety percent of the **oat** acreage was turning color, 9 days ahead of normal. Oat condition rated 79 percent good to excellent. Ninety-two percent of the **spring wheat** acreage was turning color, over 3 weeks ahead of the previous year. Spring wheat condition rated 79 percent good to excellent, down 4 percentage points from last week. Forty-four percent of the **dry edible bean** crop was setting pods or beyond, with condition rated at 74 percent good to excellent. **Potato** condition rated 93 percent good to excellent. **Sunflower** condition rated 61 percent good to excellent. **Sugarbeet** condition rated 85 percent good to excellent, up 4 percentage points from last week.

The second cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 81 percent complete, 12 days ahead of last year. Some farmers were starting to cut their third crop of alfalfa hay. **All hay** condition rated 80 percent good to excellent. **Pasture** condition rated 78 percent good to excellent, unchanged from the previous week.

Crop Progress as of July 26, 2015

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	5.1	4.3	5.5	5.4
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley coloring	93	74	43	65
Corn silking	82	47	56	70
Dry Ed. Beans blooming.....	90	76	59	68
Dry Ed. Beans setting pods..	44	12	17	23
Hay, Alfalfa 2 nd cutting.....	81	62	60	(NA)
Hay, Alfalfa 3 rd cutting	5	(NA)	3	(NA)
Oats coloring.....	90	71	63	73
Oats harvested.....	11	2	14	19
Soybeans blooming.....	90	75	70	73
Soybeans setting pods	44	21	23	26
Spring Wheat coloring.....	92	62	34	58

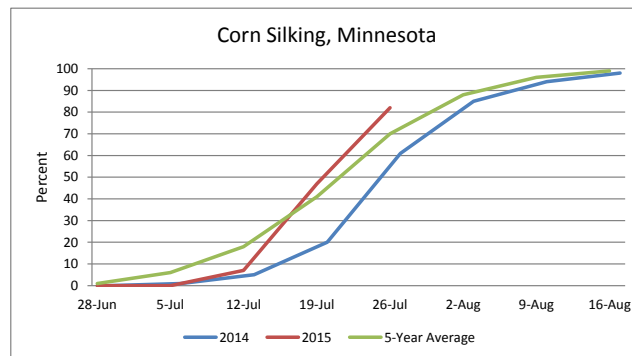
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Soil Moisture Conditions as of July 26, 2015

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil Moisture	0	6	87	7
Subsoil Moisture	0	6	89	5

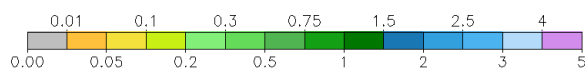
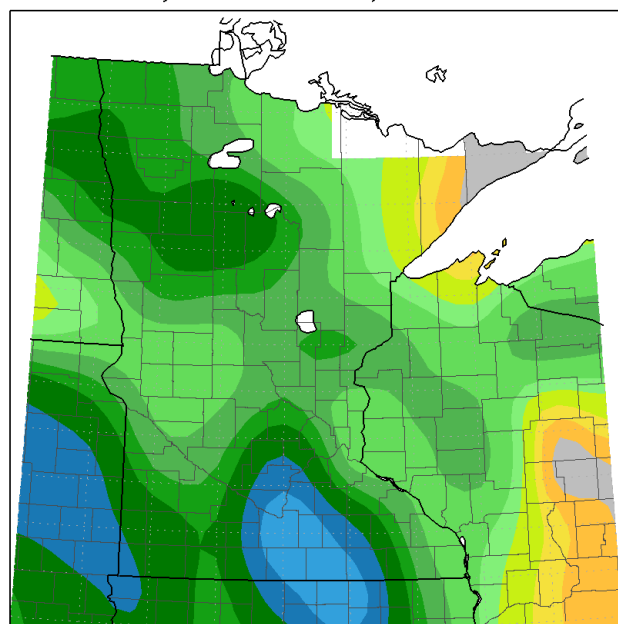
Crop Condition as of July 26, 2015

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley	1	2	34	49	14
Corn	0	2	11	63	24
Dry ed. beans..	0	2	24	62	12
Hay, all	1	4	15	63	17
Oats	0	3	18	64	15
Pasture.....	0	3	19	64	14
Potatoes	0	0	7	49	44
Soybeans	0	2	18	62	18
Spring Wheat...	1	2	18	59	20
Sugarbeets	1	4	10	35	50
Sunflowers	0	2	37	54	7



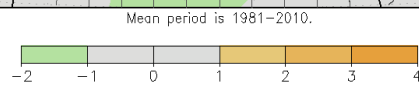
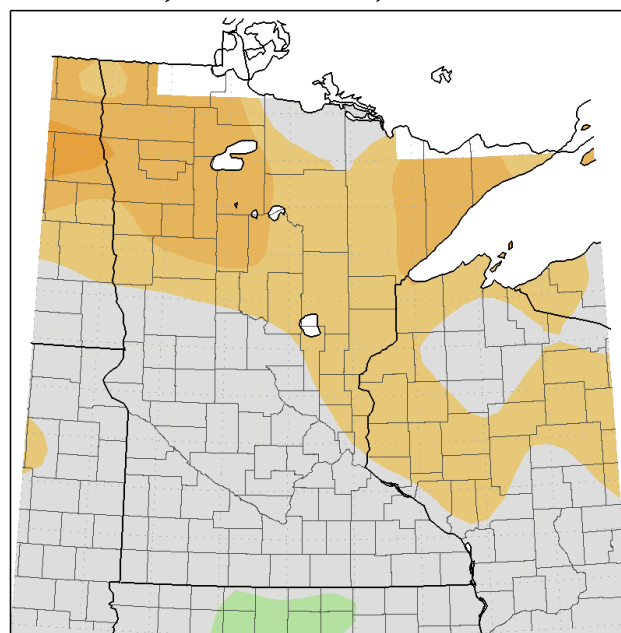
Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending July 26, 2015

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 20, 2015 to July 26, 2015



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Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean
July 20, 2015 to July 26, 2015



Mean period is 1981-2010.
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National Weather Service data, courtesy of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources State Climatology Office, is available at:
<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/climate/historical/summary.html>

Growing Degree Days can be found at <https://mygeohub.org/groups/u2u/gdd>

Temperature and Precipitation Maps, courtesy of the Midwestern Regional Climate Center, are available at: <http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE/>